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1. UNDER HEADLINE "MORE AND MORE VIOLENT COMBAT," OFFICIAL ALGERIAN PRESS NOV. 13 PUBLISHES AFP REPORT OF F POLISARIO/MOROCCAN CLASHES IN SAHARA. REPORT SAYS MOROCCAN ARMY HAS OCCUPIED HAUSA AND EDCHERA (POSSIBLY JDRIA OF EARLIER F POLISARIO COMMUNIQUE) AND IS APPROACHING MAHBES. POLIARIO FORCES, AFP SAYS, CONTINUE TO HARASS MOROCCAN UNITS AND ARE WATCHING HOLY CITY OF SMARA IN PARTICULAR.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE ALSO STATES THAT FIGHTING
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IS GOING ON IN MAHBES REGION OF NORTHEAST SAHARA
BETWEEN F POLISARIO AND MOROCCAN ARMY. SOURCE

PROVIDED NO DETAILED INFORMATION.

3. COMMENT: AFP STORY CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH F
POLISARIO COMMUNIQUE WHICH HAVE CLAIMED THAT NUMEROUS
MOROCCAN SOLDIERS HAD BEEN KILLED AND EQUIPMENT
DESTROYED BY GUERRILLAS (REFTELS A AND B).

4. DIFFICULT FROM ALGIERS TO TELL WHAT HAPPENING IN REGION. WE
NOTE MOROCCAN LE MATIN REPORT THAT MOROCCAN FLAG
HAS BEEN FLYING OVER HAWZA (PRESUMABLY SAME PLACE
AS HAUSA REFERRED TO IN AFP STORY) SINCE NOV. 9
(REFTEL C) AND SPECULATE THAT, HAVING INITIALLY
OCCUPIED POST FOLLOWING EVACUATION OF SPANISH ARMY,
POLISARIO HAS BEEN DRIVEN OUT BY MOROCCANS.PARKER

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